

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims Status

Claims 16 through 23 remain pending in the application. Claims 16, 20, and 23 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claims 16 and 20 are the only independent claims pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 16 through 20 are allowed.

Claim Objections

Claims 16 and 20 are objected to for the reasons succinctly set forth in the Official Action.

In response, Claims 16 and 20 have been amended *inter alia* to address the grounds of the objection. It is respectfully submitted that the grounds of the objection have been overcome.

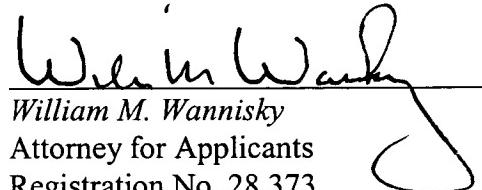
Closing Comments

No art rejection are lodged against the pending claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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